regarding alleged irregularity in implementation of the loan cum subsidy scheme. Anticorruption Cell of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Port Blair is investigating the matter.

World Bank Study on service delivery system to people

4466. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of any study made by World Bank regarding failure of service delivery system to poor people living in the rural and urban area and the urgent need to revamp the service delivery system which is outmoded and failed due to the non participation of people in such schemes;

(b) if so, whether there is any time bound action plan drawn for that purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development is not aware of any such Study made by the World Bank. However, the World Bank undertook the study of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in some of the States like Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Jharkhand to determine production, agricultural output and consumer commodity prices, social indicators and level of traffic generated by the villages. The findings of the study reveal that the production per capita is higher in connected villages. Besides, higher proportion of the crops is exported from the villages and average per capita production in the connected villages is about Rs. 2400 higher than the unconnected villages.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Rural Development has put in place a comprehensive mechanism of monitoring the implementation of Rural Development Programmes, including proper utilization of funds and measurement of outcomes. All the major schemes of the Ministry are also being evaluated through independent professional agencies. The existing monitoring mechanism of the Ministry is particularly designed to improve the quality of implementation and enhance the efficiency and accountability of the delivery mechanism.